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Case No. 9793/73

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Johann Karl et al.

Serial No: 09/890,442

Examiner: James Leslie Grun, Ph.D.

Filed: January 31, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1641

For: Assay for the Detection of N-Terminal proBNP

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003 for a period of one month.

☒ Applicant:

☐ claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

☒ is other than small entity

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	<b><u>Extension Months</u></b>	<b><u>Other Than Small Entity</u></b>	<b><u>Small Entity</u></b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

**Fee Payment**

- ☒ Attached is a check for \$110 for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 29, 2004

  
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